GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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CURB ON SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES THROUGH SEA ROUTES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Coast Guard hasformulated any special action-plan to curb smuggling and other undesirable activities through sea routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial provisions made for execution of this action-plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The charter of duties and functions in the maritime zone of India enumerated in the Coast GuardAct, 1978 includes, besides other duties, rendering assistance to the customs and other authorities in anti-smuggling operations and to enforce the provisions of the enactments. These duties are being performed by the Coast Guard (CG) with the present force level.Provisions have been made in the C G Development Plan 1997-2002 for procuring ships/aircrafts/equipment so as to undertake the operations required for prevention of smuggling and other unlawful activities. The CG ships and aircrafts undertake various missions and operations to keep the maritime zones of India under surveillance for prevention of smuggling and other unlawful activities.